

COA Meeting Notes

November 18, 2020

Teleconference via the Town of Mendon conference call line 774-462-5991 code 1233#

Participants: Peg Nogueira, Earl Pearlman, Diane Howell, Jenn Talamini and Ann Vandersluis. Carol Kotros was absent due to family issues. Amy was unable to participate due to family matters at home. Friends' member, Sue Carlson, also participated. Jenn had to leave the meeting at 10:30 to help her daughter with remote learning.

Peg, acting as moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:00am. She read aloud Governor Baker's Covid-19 meeting rules and took roll call.

Earl chaired the meeting. The Secretary's report was accepted. The Treasurer's report was not complete due to missing data. Amy has emailed the Treasurer's office to have this corrected. The Director's report is combined with today's agenda.

Friends' Report: \$200 donation given to COA gift account for Senior Parade expenses. Garage Book Fair proceeds were a remarkable \$572. Special thanks to Diane Howell, Sue Carlson and Dottie Garceau for their efforts.

Old Business

Food Pantry—Scout Food Drive produced an incredible response from the town. Info and photo given to The Crier thanking Scouts and townsfolk. Two tax abatement workers trained in food pantry duties. This is a big help.

Senior Center Update—still by appointment only and mostly fuel assistance. Janet worked tirelessly in this regard. Transportation is still on hold. Peg will ask Amy if she has contacted the BOH about getting this going.

Flu Shot Clinic—per BOH 100 flu shots were given at Misco School by appointment only on October 28. They plan to continue with this plan next year.

Veteran's Appreciation—274 letters were sent to local veterans. There were 38 responses. Everyone received a gift certificate, mostly restaurants, but also gas. Sue Carlson received calls at her home and called respondents back. She said everyone was so appreciative of our efforts during this difficult time. Sue said Amy thought we should express our thanks more often during the year. Earl suggested adding Memorial Day along with Veteran's Day.

Thanksgiving Meals—Senior Housing meals coordinated and to be delivered by Brothers of the Brush on November 26. Nine others outside of senior housing were contacted by Outreach.

Staffing Update—over 140 applicants for admin aide position. HR narrowed it down to 8 and will most likely select 5 for interviews once Amy's bereavement time is complete.

ABMI Cable Program—Jenn said no new updates. She has been playing phone tag with Tyler. The Covid-19 crisis has interfered considerably, but Jenn assured us it will happen.

Volunteer Appreciation—one senior had suggested to Amy having it as a welcome back event once the center opens. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Peg will ask Amy for a status on the Mendon donor who had offered to coordinate with Subway as a way to support both Subway and our volunteers.

30th Anniversary—John Trainor is still working on the video. Peg said once the center opens can pull the event together fairly quickly as ideas were previously formulated.

New Business

Holiday Meal—Dec 22—to be sponsored by the Ferruccis in coordination with Tri-Valley for 50 people as a grab and go event. Peg was concerned about numerous cars turning into senior center with the fast traffic on Providence Rd. COA members suggested Morrison Dr or Clough School parking lot as pick-up areas. We will need to know if the Tri-Valley truck would stay for the distribution. Also, we need clarification on how the meals will be prepared, wrapped individually or what? We discussed how to notify the volunteers. Earl suggested our outside bulletin board and Diane said the portable town bulletin that is placed at Rt 16 and North Ave. And, of course, The Crier and Senior newsletter.

Architectural Study—Mike Petrovitch recently met with Amy, Earl and Peg. He's willing to come up with a whole new scaled down architectural drawing since the 8 million dollar figure is unsustainable. He will do this at no extra cost. Once this is done, he will meet with them again to make sure all of our needs are met.

Open Forum

Peg read aloud the thank you note received from Senior of the Year, Dottie Leighton, who was so appreciative that we chose her for this honor.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 am. Next meeting December 9, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis, Secretary

